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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Lloyd John Ogilvie, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the Earth. What is man that You are mindful of him and the Son of Man that You visit him? You have created him a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the work of Your hands.

Gracious God, ultimate Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, we are stunned again by Your majesty and the magnitude of the delegated dominion You have entrusted to us. We respond with awe and wonder and begin this day with renewed commitment to be servant leaders. In a culture that often denies Your sovereignty and worship at the throne of the perpendicular pronoun, help us to exemplify the greatness of servanthood. You have given us a life full of opportunities to serve, freed us from self-serving aggrandizement, and enabled us to live at full potential for Your glory. We humble ourselves before You and acknowledge that we could not breathe a breath, think a thought, make sound decisions, or press on to excellence without Your power. By Your appointment we are where we, doing the work You have given us to do, called to lead this great Nation. You alone are the one we seek to please. We have been blessed to be a blessing. And so we greet this day with, "Life's a privilege!" intentionality and "How may I serve?" incisiveness. Grant us grace and courage to give ourselves away to You and to others with whom we work this day. In Your Holy Name Yahweh, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, this morning, the leader time has been reserved.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the majority leader has indicated that the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 889, the supplemental appropriations bill, if an agreement can be reached with respect to a limited number of amendments. Senators should, therefore, be aware that rollcall votes are expected throughout today's session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, there will now be a period for morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF SENATOR CRAIG

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] is recognized to speak for up to 35 minutes.

TAX CUTS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I have asked for, and received, this time today so a good many Members of the Senate can talk about one of the most important issues that the Senate will consider this year; that is, the issue of tax cuts. And certainly promises made are promises to be kept.

Those of us in the Republican Party are absolutely committed to providing a budget package that will produce a

respectable tax cut to the American people, and especially to American families—families and family groups—who for some years have not received the benefit of the kind of consideration under our current tax law that we think they ought to. Certainly no policy of the Federal Government, no Federal law, should conflict or make it difficult for the family unit of our society to exist, and we believe the current tax structure does just that.

This special order this morning will be conducted by two Senators who have led the issue of family tax cuts and family consideration, Senator COATS and a freshman Senator who was one of the leaders in the House in the past few years on this key issue, Senator GRAMS.

So at this time, I yield to Senator COATS to allocate the time accordingly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. COATS. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I thank my colleague from Idaho for his introductory statements, for his support for this effort, and for yielding the time to Senator GRAMS and me.

(The remarks of Mr. COATS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. HUTCHISON pertaining to the introduction of S. 572 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, could I inquire how much time is remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair advises the Senator from Indiana, there is no time remaining. However, no one else is seeking the floor.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed in morning business for up to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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